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STRESSES DISAGREEMENT WITH US VIEW OF OPEC AND OIL
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1. CANADIAN ENERGY MINISTER DONALD MACDONALD HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 10 UPON CONCLUSION HIS ONE WEEK VISIT TO VENEZUELA. HIS STATEMENT WERE GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE IN THE MAJOR CARACAS NEWSPAPERS JANUARY 11.

2. MACDONALD WAS QUOTE BY ALL PAPERS AS SAYING THAT HE DISAGREED WITH POLICY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER OF TRYING TO LOWER PETROLEUM PRICES., AND ALSO DID NOT FAVOR AN ARMED INTERVENTION TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING INDUSTRIALIZED NATONS. ASKED WHETHER CANADA AND THE US HVE SIMILAR PETROLEUM POLICIES, MACDONALD RESPONDED THAT CANADA LIKE US IS SEEKING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ENERGY REQUIREMENTS. REGARDING OPEC CANADA CONSIDERS THAT ORGANIZATION TO BE ANEW FACT THAT MUST BE ACCEPTED, AND EQUALLY THE NEW PETROLEUM PRICES. MACDONALD ADDED THAT CANADA DESIRES A GREATER COLA-BORATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES REGARDING NATURAL RESOURCES, AND BELIEVES THAT A COMMON ORGANIZATION COULD BE ESTABLISHED THAT WOULD GROUP BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS, AS HAS BEEN DONE WITH RESPECT TO URANIUM. CANADA ALSO DOES NOT BELIEVE OPEC CAN BE DISSOLVED, NOR SHOULD BE.

3. MACDONALD QUOTED AS HOPEFUL THAT, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT OIL PRICES WILL DROP IN NEAR FUGURE, CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS WILL EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO REACH SOLUTION. HE CONSIDERS THE IDEAL WOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF TWELVE OPEC MEMBERS, TWELVE LARGEST IMPORTERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LDC COUNTRIES.

4. VENEZUELA WILL CONTINUE TO EXPORT LARGE QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL TO CANADA AFTER NATIONALIZATON OF FOREIGN-CONTROLLED OIL COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO MACDONALD. HE DISCUSSED WITH VENEZUELAN MINES MINISTEVALENTIN HERNANDEZ POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT OIL DEALS AND COOPERATION ON DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY FOR EXPLOITATION OF HEAVY OIL DEPOSITS FOUND IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

5. CANADA IMPORTED ABOUT 44 PER CENT OR 350,000 B/D FROM VENEZUELA IN 1974 AND EXPECTS TO IMPORT ABOUT SAME QUANTITY DURING 1975. MACDONALD REPORTEDLY SAID IN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT CANADA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS HAS NOT BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY HIGHER UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL PRICES, SINCE COUNTRY MAKES ADJUSTMENTS BY RAISING THE PRICE OF ITS OIL EXPORTS TO THE US WHEN IT FACES PRICE INCREASES FOR IMPORTED OIL.

6. MACDONALD ALSO VISITED THE CREOLE REFINERY AT AMUAY AND THE GUAYANA REGION DURING HIS VISIT. MCCLINTOCK

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